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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 31542-215143 RK |
| | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.8) 10/528 028 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IS2003/000028 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 16 September 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 16 September 2002 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION AN AVALANCHE PROTECTION SYSTEM | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Eggert OLAFSSON | | |

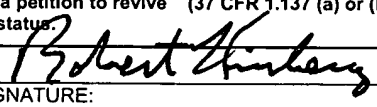
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
- ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau. (Form PCT/IB 308 attached).
 - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
 - ☐ is attached hereto.
 - ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
 - ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
- ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
- ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 and SB 08A (Form 1449).
- ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment (including marked-up version of specification).
- ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
- ☒ A substitute specification.
- ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
- ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☒ Other items or information: **Submission of Formal Drawings, 5 sheets of Figs. 1-7 and PCT FORMS IB/304 and 308**

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| 21. The following fees are submitted: | | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a) Basic national fee | | | \$300.00 | \$ 300.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | b) Examination fee | | | \$200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | c) Search fee | | | \$500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$1000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | | | |
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| Total claims | 15 - 20 = | 0 | x | 50.00 | \$ 0.00 |
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| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable) | | | + | | \$ |
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| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | | \$ 500.00 |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property | | | | | \$ |
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| b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>22-0261</u> in the amount of \$ <u>500.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. | | | | | |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>22-0261</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. | | | | | |
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| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status. | | | | | |
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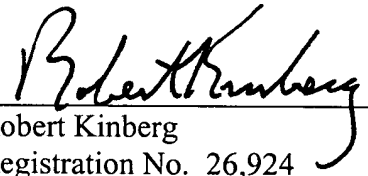
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Atty. Docket No.: 31542-215143 RKCustomer No.: **26694****Submission of Formal Drawings**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith are five (5) sheets of formal drawings containing Figs. 1-7.

Respectfully submitted,

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